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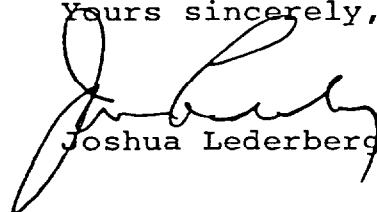
Dear Dr. Smith:

Thank you for your letter of June 27th and its invitation to the Heath Clark Lectureship.

I am very much interested in the work of the London School and it is with some regret that I have to say that it is not very likely that I can fit the lectureship into the schedule of my duties at the University here.

As you are well aware, the Rockefeller University has also had a long standing tradition of research in parasitology. Professor William Trager will be retiring within the next two years and I have already appointed a search committee to seek an outstanding figure to sustain that research tradition. I would be very happy to have your own suggestions of possible candidates who could combine a concern for research on the organisms of parasitic diseases with the approaches of modern cell, molecular, and immunobiology.

Yours sincerely,



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